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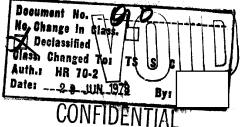
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- There is currently a widespread shortage of foodstuffs and fodder throughout Yugoslavia. The three staple commodities needed for winter months, beans, potatoes, and cabbage are lacking in Serbia. A supply of potatoes arrived from Slovenia late in October 1950 and distribution is now being made by ration card. Potatoes for planting have been promised by Denmark.
- 2. The richest fruit orchards in Serbia have been destroyed by insects. There are no apples, for example, in the entire Valjevo district. The vineyards also have been destroyed by the drought in the Zupa, Negotinska Krajina, and Nis areas. For this reason, the price of grapes rose to 100 dinars per kilogram.
- 3. The regions most seriously affected by the drought were those with the richest wheat fields, i.e., Vojvodina, Srem, Backa, Pomoravlje, and Stig. A stark
- 4. The general food crisis forced the regime to close down the special commissaries which had been set up for officials, militiamen, teachers, artists, and other privileged groups.

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